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#### HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES -- HIRSP AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# Emergency Medical Services Grants [LFB Paper #402]

Motion:

Move to adopt Alternative 1 in LFB Paper #402. In addition, delete a current statutory provision that prohibits entities that offer courses an individual needs to be licensed, or to have a license renewed, as an emergency medical technician - basic from charging an individual a fee for the course if the individual is: (a) employed by, or affiliated with a public agency, volunteer fire company or nonprofit corporation; and (b) the holder of a license or training permit as an emergency medical technician - basic, or eligible to hold such a license or training permit.

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Note:

Under current law, DHFS distributes funding to entities, primarily technical college districts, whose courses or instructional programs are approved by DHFS, to assist the entities in providing the training required for licensure and renewal of licensure as an emergency medical technician (EMT). Additionally, DHFS provides funding for examinations administered by the entity for licensure or renewal of licensure as an EMT.

Current law also directs that courses required for a license or renewal of a license as an EMT be provided free of charge to an individual who is employed by or affiliated with a public agency, volunteer fire company or nonprofit corporation and is the holder of a license or training permit as an EMT.

Alternative 1 in LFB Paper #402 directs that DHFS distribute funding for EMT training and licensure examinations to ambulance service providers that are public agencies, volunteer fire departments, or nonprofit corporations, rather than to technical college districts. The ambulance service providers would then pay for their training costs as they are incurred. The current law requirement that technical colleges provide EMT training free of charge to the specified individuals assumes that the training funds are distributed to the technical colleges. Since, under Alternative 1, the training funds will be distributed to ambulance service providers, the language requiring that the technical colleges provide the training free of charge is no longer applicable.

record-keeping that is now required, and allowing the technical colleges to follow their normal billing processes. DHFS reports that distributing training funds directly to service providers would allow the agency to streamline its administrative procedures and reduce program costs. Under the proposal, DHFS would send out one check per year to each eligible ambulance service provider to cover both training and ambulance services support. DHFS review of funding for training would then become part of an existing process through which DHFS reviews funding for ambulance services support. Ambulance service providers would continue to send an annual expenditure report to DHFS, but would have more flexibility to determine the types of training they wish to fund for their members.

9. The administration has conveyed its intent that, under the bill, the training funds should be distributed to the same ambulance service providers that currently receive funding for support and improvement of ambulance services; that is, ambulance service providers that are public agencies, volunteer fire departments, or nonprofit corporations. However, the language in the bill directing that EMS training funds be distributed to ambulance service providers does not specifically limit it to the same group of eligible ambulance service providers that are public entities. Consequently, if the Committee adopts the Governor's recommendation to distribute training funds to ambulance service providers, it could clarify that these providers would include public agencies, volunteer fire department and nonprofit agencies to better reflect the administration's intent.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Modify the Governor's recommendation to specify that the funding for EMT training and licensure examinations be distributed to ambulance service providers that are public agencies, volunteer fire departments, or nonprofit corporations.
- 2. Delete provision. Consequently, funding for EMT training and licensure examinations would continue to be distributed to technical college districts, and other qualifying entities that provide the training required for EMT licensure.

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LFB:.....Ebersberger – Funding for EMT training

FOR 2005-07 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

#### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT,

#### TO 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 100





At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

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**History:** 1973 c. 321; 1975 c. 39 ss. 645 to 647d, 732 (2); 1975 c. 224; 1977 c. 29, 167; 1979 c. 321; 1981 c. 73, 380; 1981 c. 391 s. 211; 1983 a. 189; 1985 a. 120, 135; 1987 a. 70, 399; 1989 a. 31; 1989 a. 102 ss. 20, 21, 36 to 59; 1991 a. 39, 238; 1993 a. 27, 29, 105, 183, 251, 399; 1997 a. 79, 191, 237; 1999 a. 7, 56; 2001 a. 109.

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